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II. REMARKS

A. Introduction

Applicants submit this Response in a bona fide attempt to (i) advance the prosecution of this case, (ii) answer each and every ground of objection and rejection as set forth by the Examiner, (iii) place the claims in a condition for allowance, and (iv) place the case in better condition for consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above referenced patent application in view of this Response.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the instant application. Claims 4-6 have been allowed. As indicated above, Claim 1 has been canceled and Claims 2, 3 and 7 -13 have been amended.

B. Response to rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 7-13 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner contends, *inter alia*:

The original filed specification fails to teach or suggest a liquid holding surface which is a rotatable member having a liquid holding surface which broadly reads on a liquid holding surface other than a rotatable cylindrically shaped roller such as a rotatable block of brushes or a rotatable block of sponge in a form other than a roller.

Applicants have accordingly amended Claims 2, 3 and 7 -13 as follows: "providing a *cylindrically shaped roller* having a liquid holding surface". The noted description and, hence, limitation is consistent with the description in allowed Claims 4-6.

III. CONCLUSION

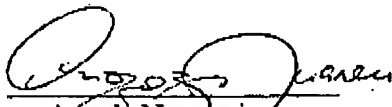
Applicants, having answered each and every ground of rejection as set forth by the Examiner, and having added no new matter, submit that Claims 2, 3 and 7 -13 in the above-referenced patent application are now in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their Attorney of record at the telephone number below to expedite prosecution of the application.

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